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SUBJECT: WORKING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO EUROPE: PRESS
CONSIDERATIONS

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1. AS PER REFTTEL, ALTHOUGH PRESS CONFERENCE AS LAST EVENT
MIGHT BE IDEAL, LOCATIONS APPEAR UNWORKABLE. PRESS CONFERENCE AT
VATICAN NOT PERMITTED; NO SUITABLE SPACE AT CIAMPINO AND CRITICAL
ACCESS-AND-CREDENTIAL PROBLEMS FOR JOURNALISTS IN THIS MILITARY
COMPOUND; NO ALTERNATIVE SPACE ENROUTE VATICAN-CIAMPINO. RETURN
TO HOTEL PRESS CENTER WOULD BE POSSIBLE, BUT NOT WITHOUT SERIOUS
DELAY PLANNED DEPARTURE.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT 2245 AT
HOTEL PRESS CENTER JANUARY 26. (ALTERNATIVE JANUARY 27 AS PER
REF REMAINS OPEN.) JOURNALISTS WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE
AND FILE BEFORE DEPARTURE. DEPARTURE STATEMENT, IF STILL FELT
TO BE NECESSARY, COULD BE DISTRIBUTED ON PAPER ONLY AT
CIAMPINO, ALONG WITH POOL REPORT ON VATICAN FOR TRAVELING PRESS,
IF AVAILABLE.

2. APART FROM MAIN PRESS CONFERENCE, WE RECOMMEND
NORMAL RELEASE OF FORMAL STATEMENTS, SUCH AS TOASTS,
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PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS. WRITTEN ARRIVAL STATEMENT
SHOULD BE CABLED AHEAD ASAP FOR TRANSLATION, REPRO-
DUCTION AND AIRPORT DISTRIBUTION BY USIS STAFF. IF VICE-
PRESIDENT DESIRES WE COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO PAUSE AT PLANESIDE
MICROPHONES FOR BRIEF STATEMENT, BUT THIS PRESENTS PROBLEMS.
GOOD ADVANCE NOTICE OF DECISION TO TALK AT PLANESIDE REQUIRED:
REGOROUS CIAMPINO SECURITY WILL LOCK OUT ALL JOURNALISTS

AND TV CREWS WHOSE NAMES AND VEHICULAR LICENSE NUMBERS
ARE NOT REGISTERED IN ADVANCE. IN CASE OF SPOKEN ARRIVAL
STATEMENT, PILOT SHOULD BE REQUESTED, IN ADVANCE, TO SHUT
DOWN MOTORS AND GENERATORS IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID INTERFERENCE
WITH SOUND RECORDING. THIS WOULD BE WEATHER-PERMITTING,
OF COURSE.

3. WE HOPE ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS WILL HAVE
CREDENTIALS WHICH CAN BE USED THROUGHOUT VISIT, TO AVOID
ISSUANCE NEW SET OF CREDENTIALS. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT
PRESS CENTER BE OPEN ALSO TO ROME-BASED AND ITALIAN JOURNALISTS
WHO HAVE PROPER CREDENTIALS. VOLPE

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